

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 5, 2003. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-33 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 11, 13-16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26, and 30-33 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, and 27-29 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 13, 25, and 30 have been amended. New claims 34-39 have been added to recite aspects of the invention. Applicant submits that the new claims do not introduce new matter and are commensurate in scope with their cancelled counterparts. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the new claims are entitled to a full range of equivalents for each of the recited elements. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-14, 16-23, 25-27 and 29-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Nappholz et al.* (US 5,720,770). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The independent rejected claims 1, 13, and 25 have been amended to recite other inventive features and as a result have rendered the objections moot. Applicant submits that *Nappholz* does not teach, show or suggest a voice synthesized message nor a wireless distress signal including a model number and/or a serial number. Claims 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, and 27-29 have been canceled. Claims 2, 4-6, 8, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 26, and 30-33 are dependant upon the amended claims 1, 13, and 25 and are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 3, 7, 15, 24 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nappholz et al.* in view *Beetz et al.* (US 6,544,171). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

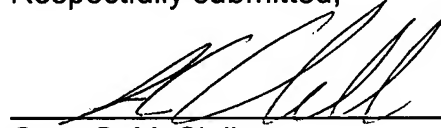
Applicant has canceled claims 3, 7, and 24, and therefore, the rejection is now moot with respect to these claims. Claims 15 and 28 are dependant upon the

independent claims 13 and 25, respectively, and are now presumed valid for the reasons stated above.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

The prior art made of record is noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the pending claims than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, it is believed that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not deemed necessary for a full and complete response to this office action. Accordingly, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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